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E.5. FRIENDLY MILITARY ACTIVITIES:

WE HAVE BEEN GIVEN THE FOLLOWING FIGURES FOR THE CORPS- WIDE REDUCTION IN PF PLATOONS:

QUANG TRI -34

THUA THIEN -16

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DANANG -6
QUANG NAM -19
QUANG TIN -12
QUANG NGAI -13
TOTAL RDEUCTIONS -100 PLATOONS

CONGEN DANANG COMMENT: ALTHOUGH THE REDUCTION OF 100 PF PLATOONS MEANS, IN PRINCIPLE, THE ELIMINATION OF 2900 TROOPS IN PF MANPOWER, IT IS LIKELY THAT THE REDUCTION WILL BE IN EMPTY POSITIONS AND ELIMINATION OF OLDER AND DISABLED TROOPERS WITH LITTLE ACTUAL LOSS OF COMBAT-EFFECTIVE MANPOWER. END COMMENT.

PART III MR 2

1. SECURITY SITUATION: THOUGH REGIONAL RVNAF FORCES DECLARED 100 PER CENT ALERT IN PREPARATION FOR RERUN OF COMMUNIST ONSLAUGHT CIRCA JANUARY 28, MR 2 WAS GENERALLY VERY PEACEFUL DURING REPORTING PERIOD. GVN CLARIONS WERE SOUNDED ON AFTERNOON MAY 25 BY MR 2 COMMANDER, MAJOR GENERAL TOAN, ACCORDING TO ONE REPORT, BECAUSE SAIGON LEADERSHIP INTERPRETED AMBASSADOR SULLIVAN'S VISIT IN SEARCH OF MORE VIABLE CEASE-FIRE AS PRECURSOR OF ANOTHER COMMUNIST LAND GRAB. IN FACT, A LANDMARK LOW OF ONLY 20 INCIDENTS WERE REPORTED OVER PAST 72-HOUR PERIOD. TEN OF THESE OCCURRED IN NORTHERN BINH DINH. CASUALTY AGGREGATE: VC: FIVE KIA; RVNAF: FOUR KIA, 15 WIA. (THAT ALL BUT ONE OF 17 VC-INITIATED INCIDENTS WERE MININGS AND STAND OFF FIRE ATTACKS EXPLAINS CASUALTY IMBALANCE ADVERSE TO GVN.)

2. FORMER ATTITUDE OF NHA TRANG TACTICAL OPERATIONS CENTER OF IGNORING ACTION IN CONTESTED DAK ROCOT AREA NORTHWEST OF KONTUM CITY ON DAILY INCIDENT REPORTS APPEARS TO HAVE CHANGED. FIVE INCIDENTS (THREE VC ATTACKS BY FIRE, ONE FIRE FIGHT BETWEEN RVNAF UNIT ON PATROL AND VC, AND ONE VC MINING) WERE REPORTED IN ZONE SURROUNDING DAK ROCOT OVER LAST THREE DAYS. APPROXIMATELY 150 HIGH CALIBER ROUNDS IMPACTED IN AND AROUND FRIENDLY POSITIONS THERE CAUSING EIGHT RVNAF WIA'S AND DESTROYING TWO MILITARY TRUCKS.

3. PROVINCE REPRESENTATIVE PLEIKU REPORTS THAT ON MAY 27, ENEMY WITHOUT PRIOR NOTICE RELEASED IN THANH AN DISTRICT FOUR POWS. FORMER POWS NOW UNDER INTERROGATION BY SECTOR AND CORPS.
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SECTOR HAS INFO ENEMY STILL HOLD MORE THAN 300 POWS VICINITY DUC CO.

4. ATTACKS EXPECTED: PLEIKU SECTORS S-2 ON BASIS AGENT REPORT AND OTHER SOURCES, BELIEVES ENEMY IS DEPLOYING TROOPS AND PROCURING

SUPPLIES FOR AN ATTACK ON THANH AN DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS. PROVINCE REPRESENTATIVE COMMENTS: PROVINCE CHIEF AND DEPUTY SECOTR COMMANDER EXPRESSED BELIEF NEW ENEMY MOVES RELATE TO PARIS DISCUSSIONS. BOTH SPECULATED THAT IF A DIVISION OF TERRITORY CONTROLLED BY EACH SIDE HAS BEEN AGREED TO, ENEMY MAY MAKE LAST MINUTE TACTICAL MOVE TO IMPROVE OR EXTEND HIS AGREED HOLDING, IN SAME MANNER HE ATTEMPTED TO IMPROVE HIS POSITION ON THE EVE OF EXPECTED CEASE- FIRE IN LATE OCTOBER, 1972, AND LATE JANUARY, 1973. FOR REASONS NOT EXPLAINED TO PROVINCE REPRESENTATIVE, BOTH BELIEVED CRITICAL PERIOD IS BETWEEN NOW AND 12 JUNE. END COMMENT:

PART IV MR 3

1. AT MR 3 CG' S WEEKLY BRIEFING THIS MORNING. LTG MINH TOLD CONGEN THAT HE HAD INSTRUCTIONS FROM PRESIDENT THIEU TO QEPARE FOR " REAL CEASE- FIRE" JUNE 4. ALL HIS TROOPS ARE ON FULL ALERT. SEPTTEL FOLLOW

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